MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Application of Hiroshi HIGUCHI, Hirotaka SHIMOSAKA, Junji UMEZAWA,

Yasushi ICHIKAWA, and Rinya TAKESUE

SOLID GOLF BALL

Assignee: BRIDGESTONE SPORTS CO., LTD.

Our Ref: Q80303

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/022,384 (Confirmation No. 5404) filed December 20, 2001 of Hiroshi HIGUCHI, Hirotaka SHIMOSAKA, Junji UMEZAWA, Yasushi ICHIKAWA, and Rinya TAKESUE entitled SOLID GOLF BALL.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3711.

Priority is claimed from:

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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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